

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The original arrangement was, as stated in the answer, to get ready Readers I to III locally. Reader No. I was ready; but on examination it was found that it could not be accepted as it was. There was no time to get out the Readers in time locally. Hence, the Company was asked to supply the Readers for one more year. Copies of the Readers were not received here from the company before the re-opening of the schools.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): May I know if Government intend to have the new text books printed in Travancore itself with a view to encourage the printing industry here?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Orders have already been issued to have these Readers printed here and issued; but, for 1925-26, the arrangement could not be effected in time.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): May I know if there was any delay in supplying Readers I to III for this school-year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that there was delay in the Readers arriving from Messrs. Macmillan and Co., and there has been some delay in the supply of books.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): May I know if that was the reason for the failure to distribute books to the different institutions in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. It is understood that arrangements have now been made to supply the books to the different institutions of the State.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether there is sufficient stock for one year's supply?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have given orders for the supply of books which would meet one year's requirements, and the books have arrived.

List of Assistant Inspectors.

98. **MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of Assistant Inspectors and Headmasters of Lower Grade English Schools classified according to the subjects of their respective specialisation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The list* asked for by the member is laid on the table.

Extension of Reserved Forests.

99. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanacherry cum Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) whether several representations have not been made by the members of the S. M. P. Assembly against the further extension of reserved forests;

* *Vide appendix—pages 683 and 684.*

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(ii) the percentage of the total area of the State that has already been constituted as reserved forests;

(iii) whether the Dewan has not stated in his address to the fourteenth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly that there is little scope for further forest reservation in Travancore; and

(iv) if so, what has induced them to deviate from that policy?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*):

(i) In the twelfth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, a representation was made by Mr. Aiyappan Pillai, Member for Chengannur taluk, against further extension of reservation.

(ii) About 31 per cent.

(iii) Yes. In the fourteenth session of the Assembly the Dewan stated that there was no further scope for reservation.

(iv) Government have not deviated from that policy except in the case of a few blocks where reservation had then been decided upon.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): With regard to answer to part (iv) of the question, will the Government be pleased to state how many new blocks have been reserved after the date referred to?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): It does not arise out of the answer furnished; and so I claim notice.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): The answer says that a few blocks were reserved.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The blocks reserved are dealt with in the Annual Report of each year.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): So, Government are not in a position to say how many are reserved.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Government are in a position to say how many have been reserved. But I have not collected and tabulated the information.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): Do Government consider that the policy enunciated at the fourteenth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly may be maintained?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Yes, and it can be seen from the answer to part (iv).

Cheruvalli-Vellanadi Road.

100. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are cutting open a road from Kanjirapalli (26th mile Kottayam-Kumili Road), to Erumeli?

(b) What is the distance from the terminus of the above road at Erumeli to—

(1) the Vellanadi Estate and

(2) the Cheruvalli Estate?